THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE GODA RAGHURAM

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WRIT PETITION NO : 20023 of 2002

DATED: 22-11-2005

Between:

B.Venkateswarlu and others .. Petitioners

And

The Commissioner & Director of

School Education and another .. Respondents

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ORDER:

The petitioners assail the proceedings of the first respondent, dated 27.09.2002, whereby it is held that the Hindi Shikshak Course Certificate issued by the Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board, Bangalore is not an equivalent qualification to the Hindi pundit Training Course offered under the control of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, and that therefore, the said certificate (of the Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board) is not a qualification for appointment as Hindi Pundit, Grade-I and Grade-II in the State

of Andhra Pradesh.

The petitioners claim to have qualification themselves for appearing at the examination conducted by the District Selection Committees (seeking to fill up the posts of Hindi Pundit Grade-I and Grade-II), but have nevertheless been rendered ineligible for appointment, in view of the impugned proceedings of the first respondent. In the circumstances, the petitioners challenge the orders of the first respondent dated 27.09.2002.

The challenge by the petitioners and the reliefs sought for by them pertain to matters concerning recruitment to services under the State of Andhra Pradesh. Such grievance and the remedy claimed are therefore, eminently within the jurisdiction of A.P. Administrative Tribunal, in view of the provisions of Section 15 of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985. In view of the decision of the Supreme Court in **L.CHANDRA KUMAR v UNION OF INDIA** this Court has no initial jurisdiction to adjudicate upon such grievances. The petitioners are required to first approach the A.P. Administrative Tribunal for redressal of their grievances.

On the analysis above, the writ petition is not maintainable and is accordingly dismissed. The petitioners are at liberty to pursue the remedies before the appropriate forum as advised. Nothing in this writ petition shall be construed as an expression by this Court on the merits of the petitioners' claims. No costs.

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